Planning:

Contention

The increase of antisemitic acts committed by neo-Nazis in Australia poses a significant threat to the Australian Jewish minority

Argument 1:

The Everyday Effects of antisemitism on Australian Jews

Argument 2:

The attitudes and beliefs of neo-Nazis in Australia

Argument 3:

How internet echo chambers have affected the prevalence of antisemitism

*Hook sentence*. Antisemitism is the hostility to or prejudice against Jewish people (OxfordLanguages). The history of antisemitism dates back to ancient time from third century BC in Egypt by the Egyptians to first century AD in Judea by the Romans. It also occurred in modern history with the most famous example being the tragedy of the Holocaust in committed by Adolf Hitler in Poland. Much of contemporary antisemitism can be split into two categories, conspiracists who believe that the Jewish people secretly control the world and Islamic extremists who hate Jewish people on the basis of their religious beliefs. This speech will primarily focus on the former however this not to say that the latter is any less evil. These conspiracists generally believe the myth of a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions. Jewish people make up almost one percent of the total Australian population with approximately 200,000 people and is the sixth most practised religion in Australia.

The effects of antisemitism on everyday Jews are significant even in the multicultural Australian society. According the executive Council of Australian Jewry since 2020 acts of antisemitism have increased by 42%. This massive increase has caused the state governments such as Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria to ban the public display of various Nazi symbolism. Extreme antisemitism primarily comes religious and political extremists it is mostly condemned by the majority of Australian society. Even so antisemitism still appears in the media and more mainstream politics in a usually more mild and degrading form. This usually ranges from insensitive and incorrect holocaust analogies to misrepresentations of the ongoing Israel Gaza conflict. Examples of the former include Australian senator George Christensen on a podcast hosted by far-right extremist Alex Jones. During which Christensen laughs at Jones’ comparison of Australian COVID-19 quarantine facilities with Auschwitz because they both had "big fences". This trivialisation and minimisation of this targeted genocide of the Jewish people desensitises people to the evils of Nazism and antisemitism as a whole. Modern explicit examples of antisemitism in the media are quite rare however I was able to find the following article. Written by the Australian online news outlet redflag wrote an article in 2019

Since neo-Nazis are self-proclaimed followers of the most prolific antisemite in modern history it would follow that they too would have a firm hatred for the Jews. Justification of this abhorrent belief includes the false assertion that Jewish secretly people control the world from the shadows. These beliefs do not cause violence on their own however create a strong motive to commit a hate crime. This clearly threatens the safety of anyone who happens to be of the Jewish race or practices its associated religion and is why the spread of these lies is so detrimental.